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WHY THE SIMMONS ELECTION LAW SHOULD BE CONDEMNED.

The Biblical Recorder in a recent editorial commenting upon the late Mr. Goebel of Kentucky and his political methods, says:

"He may have been incorruptible, but he made an election law that was the legalization of corruption. It was an election law which, in the hour of his burial, his most devoted worshippers agreed to repeal because of its unfairness."

When the editor of the Biblical Recorder finds time to examine the provisions of the Simmons election law in this State, he will find that it is not only modeled after the Goebel law of Kentucky, but that it has been amended and made even more infamous.

Some of the points in which the two laws are similar in their provisions will be seen from the following paragraphs from the two laws put in parallel columns:

GOBEL ELECTION SIMMONS ELECTION LAW.

Sec. 1. The general election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, and shall be a State election.

Sec. 2. The State Board of Elections shall be composed of seven members, to be elected by the people of the State at large, and shall hold office for two years.

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WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

During the past few days there have appeared some strange and significant utterances by certain Democratic politicians and newspaper organs on the national situation. A few days ago Governor W. J. Stone, Democratic national committeeman for Missouri, gave out an interview warning the party that there were enemies at work on the inside of the camp. Among other things he said:

"Some sort of a scheme is on foot, although I am unable yet to say exactly what it is. From information that came to me at Washington recently and since I left there, I gather that the end which the Palmer-Buckner Democrats are trying to attain is to capture the organization of the party. They are of course declaring for Bryan, but what they want is the organization. That there is some such scheme on foot is shown by many bits of evidence that has cropped out recently."

It will be remembered that Governor Stone has just returned from Washington City, where he had been to attend a meeting of the national Democratic Committee. It will also be remembered that Gorman and Croker corralled the majority of the committee and defeated the plan of Governor Stone and Bryan's other friends to have an early convention. They fixed the date for July 4th, later than any national convention has been held in many years. It will also be remembered that Mr. Daniels, the committeeman for this State, who loudly professing loyalty to Mr. Bryan, joined Gorman and Croker in winning their first important move.

About the same time that Governor Stone's interview appeared, there appeared a leading editorial in the Silver-Knight Watchman, published in Washington City, and which is understood to be controlled by the Democratic national committee. The editorial was headed:

"A Warning." We make the following extract:

"Evidence is abundant to prove beyond the shadow of doubt that the money kings, trusts, and monopolies have renewed their effort to break into the Democratic national convention and prevent the nomination of Bryan by controlling one-third of the delegates. Their attorneys and henchmen in every part of the country are exhibiting increased interest in politics and are laboring hard to control the election of delegates to the national convention. They stand no chance whatever of success if the people do their duty by attending the primaries and exercising discretion in the choice of delegates to the county conventions and giving explicit instructions to delegates to State conventions."

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on and draw their own conclusions. P. S. We add this postscript simply to call attention to how frequently Mr. Simmons and the Democratic politicians are reminding Republicans that they ought to support the constitutional amendment on the ground that it would help build up the Republican party. Indeed, it is a strange melody. What does it all mean?

A NOVEL EXPERIMENT.

"To run a paper as Jesus would," is what the Rev. Mr. Sheldon has been attempting to do with the Topeka (Kansas) Capital for the past week. Our readers will remember that a month or more ago it was announced that the proprietors of the Topeka Daily Capital had tendered to the Rev. Mr. Sheldon of Topeka, Kansas, the entire use and control of their paper for one week to let him run it as he thought Jesus would run a newspaper. The announcement of the novel undertaking attracted wide attention and caused subscriptions to flow into the paper, not only from every quarter of the United States, but from every quarter of the world. The subscription list ran up from a few thousand to about two hundred and fifty thousand. Mr. Sheldon, when he began his experiment at once ordered out every advertisement he thought ought not to be in an ideal newspaper. He has edited and blue-penciled all the news sent in by the Associated Press or by special correspondents, which he considered objectionable. In addition to writing the editorial matter, he has himself overlooked every item of every kind that has gone into the paper. We have not seen a copy of the paper, and therefore cannot express an opinion as to the success of the enterprise. We take it, however, that if Mr. Sheldon had been running a paper in North Carolina that he would have conducted it so in accordance with the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus as to have repudiated and denounced ballot-box stuffing and Redshirt mob violence and murder.

ATTEND THE PRIMARIES AND CONVENTIONS.

The official call has already been issued by State Chairman Thompson for the State Convention, which will meet in Raleigh on April 18th, and it is highly important that all Populists should attend their primaries and county conventions. It is best to attend the county and State conventions. The State convention should be composed of the ablest, wisest and solidest men in the People's party, and there no doubt will be a rousing gathering of enthusiastic, patriotic men, who love liberty and justice, and despise the effort of the Democratic machine to rob honest white men of their political rights.

There should be an immense assemblage to greet Senator Allen, who comes to our State to speak words of wisdom and good cheer to our forces.

25 CENTS TILL AUGUST ELECTION.

We have been urged by many of our subscribers to make a campaign rate for the CAUCASIAN till the State election next August. They say that they could get many persons to subscribe in clubs who do not take the paper with a low special campaign rate.

In response to these requests we make a 25 cent rate for the State campaign, provided that they are sent in clubs of not less than four. That is for \$1.00 we will send four copies to any address till the August election.

With this very low campaign rate the friends and supporters of honest elections of liberty and manhood suffrage should send us at least ten thousand new subscribers within the next thirty days.

THE DANGEROUS LOUD BILL AGAIN.

The dangerous Loud bill is again up in Congress. It is to be voted on in the House this week, and there is danger that it will pass that body again. This same dangerous measure passed the House last Congress. When it reached the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, Senator Butler, a member of that Committee, fought it in the Committee for weeks. The majority of the Committee at last reported it to the Senate, but he succeeded in beating it on the floor of the Senate. Every newspaper in the country ought to appeal to its Senators to see that it dies a speedy death in the Senate this time.

DID AYCOCK SAY IT?

The Raleigh Post reports Hon. C. B. Aycock, Democratic candidate for Governor, in a speech at Snow Hill, March 1st, as saying:

"There are three ways in which we may rule—by force, by fraud, or by law. We have ruled by force, we have ruled by fraud, but we want to rule by law."

This report of Mr. Aycock's speech was published in a leading Democratic daily. Three weeks have passed. Mr. Aycock has not yet denied that he used the language. Is it possible that he said it?

In another column will be found a communication from Mr. Meares of Elm City, referring to the contemptible conduct of the News and Observer in republishing the distorted and false reports of Senator

Butler's speech at Rocky Mount in 1897. It will be noticed that he expressed surprise that that paper having refused to publish the affidavits of thirty or more good citizens who heard the speech should have the cheek to republish the false charge. Mr. Meares evidently has little knowledge of the kind of character who edits the News and Observer. The editor of that paper is a political chameleon without political conviction or moral conception. He takes pride in his own infamy. The meaner and more contemptible his acts are, the prouder he is of them. Each day the good, honest, Christian people of the State are finding him out better and better and as they find him out his capacity to do harm by falsehood and slander will each day lessen.

It now seems that the system of blackmail that was carried on in Kentucky to threaten the railroads that if they did not put up campaign funds and support Goebel and his election law that vengeance would be wreaked on them when the Legislature met, was extended also to insurance companies and many other business concerns. Is it not probable that Mr. Simmons is pursuing the same course in North Carolina at present? Can those who know the man doubt that he would blackmail every business enterprise in the State, promising to give them legislation in return for campaign funds and threatening them with vengeance if they refused to shell out and support him and his methods?

The News and Observer in its report of the recent Democratic primaries in Hickory said that a number of prominent Populists returned to the Democratic party and entered the primaries and were given a cordial welcome. It gave the names of Messrs. F. P. Moser and P. M. Hunt, as the most prominent among the returning Populists. The last issue of the Times Mercury brands this report of the News and Observer as a lie out of the whole cloth. This News and Observer item about returning Populists is no doubt in keeping with most of the items of that kind that have been appearing in that paper.

The Caucasian would be glad to have short reports of county conventions. Every county should send its wisest and best men as delegates to the State Convention. It is of the highest importance that the problems before us be dealt with by the wisest and most patriotic men in the party from the different parts of the State.

A few days ago ex-President Harrison was asked what he thought of the Porto Rican tariff bill now pending in the Senate. His terse answer was as follows: "I regard the bill as a most serious departure from right principles." It is safe to say that a majority of the people of all parties agree with the ex-President in this statement.

Send for bundle of sample copies and hand them out to your neighbors who do not subscribe. Get up a club of ten for the campaign for \$2.50. This is only 25 cents a copy.

Is there a single Christian in North Carolina who endorses ballot-box stuffing, perjury, fraud and Redshirt mobs?

HOW IT WOULD WORK IN BUNCOMBE.

The Effect of the Poll Tax Disfranchising Scheme There.

Asheville Gazette.]

The Gazette was informed yesterday on inquiry of an official at the tax collector's office, that nearly one-third of the taxes due in Asheville for 1899 are still unpaid. These taxes are distributed among a great number of residents, as the taxes paid are those of the large tax payers—the wealthy citizens. What is true of Asheville is doubtless true—and probably to a larger degree—of the remainder of Buncombe county. Under the proposed constitutional amendment, which will be adopted or rejected at the August election, a citizen who has not paid his poll tax on or before March 1st is disfranchised at the next ensuing election. So under this constitutional amendment the "poor and ignorant" voter is between the Devil and the Deep Sea. If one doesn't get him the other pretty surely will. It will be a question with him, sometimes, whether it will be easier for him to read a section of the North Carolina constitution sufficiently well to satisfy a Democratic registrar, or to get around with the money for a \$5 poll tax before the tax collector begins to huddle him in March. He must do both of these things, and when he has done 'em he can walk into the poll box and try his luck with Mr. Simmons' ballot-in-the-slot machine.

How the Poll Tax Provision Will Work.

Winston Republican.]

At our request Sheriff E. T. Kapp informs us that not more than one-third of the poll tax of Forsyth County were paid by the 1st of March 1899. This we see what hardship the poll tax clause of the proposed amendment to the constitution as offered by the Democrats, will work to the tax payers of this as well as other counties.

Can't Meet the Argument.

Hickory Times-Mercury.]

The Democrats can't argue the amendment logically, fairly or legally. All they can do is to distort what others say so as to get an excuse for their past Redshirt acts and for them again if it becomes necessary to carry the election.

PORTO RICAN TARIFF A BONE OF CONTENTION.

No chance for Ewart-Quay Case to be Voted on April 3rd-Committee to Report Vance Statement Visit Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Special to the Caucasian.

The newspapers of this city have had a great deal recently about Ewart's contest for confirmation by the Senate. It has been frequently hinted that his name would be withdrawn, but these papers now state that the President will allow his name to remain until the end of this session of Congress; thus enabling Ewart to draw his salary, and that at the next session another nomination will be made for the judgeship. The sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary are still adverse to Ewart's confirmation.

The Porto Rican tariff question is still a bone of contention in the Senate, and there is still wide diversity of opinion among the leading Republicans of the Senate as to the wisest course to pursue. Many Senators on the Republican side contend that the Porto Ricans should have absolute free trade with this country, while many of the more powerful in the party councils argue that a 15 per cent duty should be levied on all Porto Rican products imported into this country. Numbers of influential Republican papers throughout the country demand the protective feature and demand absolute free trade. There is a great deal of apprehension among the Republicans as to the result in the elections next fall. Many believe that they will lose the House on account of denial of free trade to the Porto Ricans, if the Senate passes the House bill now pending in that body.

The Senate decided to vote on the Quay case on the 3rd of April. There are many Republicans who oppose seating the ex-Senator. Senator Daniel a few days ago made a speech in behalf of Senator Quay. The committee appointed by the Legislature to inspect the status of the lame-duck Senate, consisting of Hon. R. B. Battle, Mr. Brown, Hon. D. Boushall and Hon. R. H. Spaight were here Saturday to perform that duty.

The weather for the past week has been most unusual for this season of the year, and at times the temperature was as low as 14 degrees. Snow to the depth of six inches has fallen.

Attorney General Walshe, Col. C. A. Cook, Col. J. C. L. Harris and Col. R. O. Burton have been attending the Supreme Court.

A Criticism of the News and Observer Method of Lying.

ELM CITY, N. C., Mar. 15, 1900.

EDITOR CAUCASIAN—I see that the News and Observer has again published that false and distorted report of Senator Butler's speech at Rocky Mount. I remember that that paper refused to publish the affidavits of thirty or forty men who heard that speech to the effect that the report was false, but I did think that the paper would have the decency after refusing to publish those affidavits, never to republish that false charge again. I was in six feet of Senator Butler the whole time he was delivering that speech and heard every word he said. There was not a word in the speech that anybody could have objected to, and indeed, I heard nobody, even those who held different political views, criticize it. You will remember that it was two or three weeks after that speech before this false charge was made, and while five or six good men were going about the State to sign an affidavit in support of the charge made by that Rocky Mount paper, yet, as I have said, thirty or forty as good men as there are in the State who heard every word of that speech, and made affidavits branding the charge as false. But not a single one of the ballot-box stuffing negro organs that published the false charge would publish the correction or a single one of the affidavits. I suggest that you republish those affidavits.

Yours truly,
JOHN D. MEARES.

NO RIGHT TO UGLINESS.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is unattractive, she will never be attractive. She must be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to cleanse the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at all Drug Stores.

Simmons Has a Monopoly on Such Things. Chatham Citizen.]

So far, the Populist have never rotten eggged any one, or gotten up a drunken, red shirt gang. When they do send off and buy guns and stack them out near election grounds, then and not until then, say our Democratic friends, anarchy and threats of violence on the part of Populists. There is not a Populist paper but would condemn it. Did you ever hear a Democratic paper condemning such thing?

Beating Them to Keep Quiet. Chatham Citizen.]

Democrats of this county are scared and seared badly. They are beginning to be anxious for Democrats who oppose the amendment to keep quiet. A good citizen who was being abused and had been asked to say nothing till it could be explained to him: Democrats deceived him in 1898 and they cannot shut his mouth now and he continues to denounce this disfranchising as dangerous.

His Intensity. Cholly—Your papa kicked me out when I asked him for your hand. Miss Gabby—Papa is so intense. He puts his whole soul into everything he undertakes.—Baltimore American.

An Ingress. "No, sir; the Rev. Mr. Spoor has never seen a play."

"Why is he preaching so vigorously against the stage theater?" "He is in hopes that his congregation will send him on a tour of investigation."—THE SMART SET.

TWO SENATORS' TESTIMONY.

Tell What They Know of Catarrh and Pe-ru-na.

Hon. Porter Johnson, who has served four years as State Senator from the Fourth District in the city of Chicago, Ill., and who also is the first Democratic Senator ever elected from that district, writes: "I can heartily recommend Pe-ru-na as a catarrh remedy. It has been two years since I was cured, and I consider my cure permanent. I took the remedy for two months and am now entirely cured. I applied to several doctors, but they were not able to cure me."

HON. EDWARD DWYER.
[Senator 17th District, Chicago, Ill.]

Hon. Edward Dwyer, State Senator, Seventeenth Senatorial District, Chicago, Ill., writes: "Pe-ru-na cures catarrh of the bladder, and all other remedies fail. I can heartily recommend Pe-ru-na as a catarrh remedy. It has been two years since I was cured, and I consider my cure permanent. I took the remedy for two months and am now entirely cured. I applied to several doctors, but they were not able to cure me."

"My catarrh was located chiefly in the head. I was afflicted with catarrh for seven years."

Pe-ru-na cures catarrh wherever located. Who is it that says Pe-ru-na will cure catarrh wherever located? Doctors say it, lawyers say it, preachers say it, a vast army of men and women say it who have tried it. The old and the young say it. They say it in the east, in the west, they say it in the north and the south.

"I took the remedy for fifteen weeks and am now entirely cured. It has been a year and a half since I was cured, and I consider my cure durable. I was afflicted with the catarrh for five years. My catarrh was chiefly located in the stomach."

Send To The Pe-ru-na Medicine Company, Columbus, O., for Dr. Hartman's latest free book on chronic catarrh, in grippe, etc.

DR. LONG'S ADDRESS.

He Says That the Amendment is Unconstitutional—Poll Tax Disfranchisement.

GRAHAM, N. C., March 14.—Hon. Daniel Long, late President of Antioch College, addressed about five hundred people in the court house here to-day in opposition to the constitutional amendment. Mr. Long invited any Democrat in North Carolina to reply to him, but no one offered to defend the disfranchising scheme or the infamous election law.

